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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

Within the past three months applicant has received an International Search Report and documents related to the captioned patent application. A copy of the search report is enclosed herewith. One of the documents (US 5,913,998) in the International Search Report has previously been submitted to the Examiner, therefore this document is not listed on the attached Form PTO 1449, and a copy of this document is not included herewith.

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